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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
IN A REISSUE APPLICATION**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on March 24, 2000.

Although this response is being filed after the final rejection, Applicant would appreciate the opportunity for an Examiner's Interview, in view of the complex issues remaining in the Application.

IN THE CLAIMS

No amendments to the claims have been made. The claims are being provided, in their entirety herein, as a convenience to the Examiner:

1. (AS ISSUED IN PATENT, NOT AMENDED) A method of suppressing the growth of Gram-positive bacteria in a host medium, said host medium being selected from the group consisting of in vitro and cell cultures, said method comprising the introduction of an effective amount of a catecholamine to the host medium to act directly on the growth of Gram-positive bacteria.

2. (AS ISSUED IN PATENT, NOT AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the catecholamine is selected from epinephrine and norepinephrine.

23. A method of enhancing the growth of bacteria or viruses in a host medium